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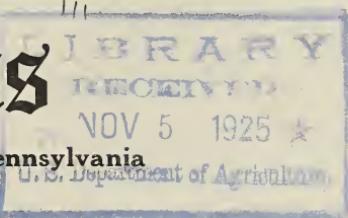
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CHARLTON BURGESS BOLLES

Dahlia*s*

Media, Delaware County, Pennsylvania



ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 1924

For 1924 I offer Seeds, entire field grown clumps, and Pot Roots of Exhibition Dahlias. If you have received the 1922-23 Order Sheet it has been sent to show the colors of the dahlias offered in field clumps, and for your convenience in ordering clumps. Except those dahlias offered in clumps all stocks have been practically sold out to visitors personally coming to my 6½ acres of dahlias the past summer. These field-given orders have been reserved in storage and will be filled before planting time. I can still supply single tubers from limited stocks, Attraction, Dream, F. W. Fellows, Golden West Cactus, Kalif, Madam Butterfly, Mrs. Edna Spencer, and Mrs. War-naar, but no others.

DAHLIA CLUMPS FOR PRICE OF SINGLE TUBERS

I HAVE a surplus of dahlias (2300 plants of Jack Rose for example; 1300 Crown of Gold; 1400 Minnie McCullough, and so on), and offer, subject to sale, entire field clumps "as dug" cash with order, at the price of single tubers. "As dug" means buyer has risk of some broken necks, though great care is exercised in digging.

All tubers F. O. B. here, buyer paying express or freight charges. An extra charge of 35c will be made for packing of orders under \$3.00. Indicate second, and even third, choices for substitutes, if possible, in case any sort is sold out. No substitution unless permission is given. Orders must be placed immediately to avoid disappointment in the case of some varieties. Will send C. O. D. if desired, in which case will mail advance notice as to time shipment leaves here. Any cash order, large or small, stored over winter for 50c additional.

Club with your neighbors, such orders tagged separately, but sent to one address. This is an exceptional opportunity to secure planting stocks for business or for mass planting. Each clump should afford the buyer, when divided by him, 4 to 6 plantable tubers.

A few dozen clumps of Libelle, a beautiful, low growing purple cactus, are left, 20c per clump. Indicate a second choice, for will soon be sold out. I also have 1000 clumps of dahlias, produced by a nearby grower, who lost his field tags. Excellent garden sorts, retail price per single tuber ranging from 15c to 50c. Not labelled, mixed, just as they come from bin, 10c per large clump.

If your express or freight is different from your post office be sure to

clearly state on order. Additional copies of list furnished, and sent to any person who might find this offer to their advantage. Please send me addresses of such.

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Arabella25	Marie Doucett50
Catherine Duer20	Minnie McCullough20
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Jack Rose15	Snowclad, (Pompon)20

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“Pot Roots” are little tubers that have grown from cuttings under glass. Planted in the open garden at the usual time of planting ordinary “field grown” tubers, planted just as deeply (six to seven inches), but only covered three inches, and the furrow filled in as the plant grows, these “pot roots” become sturdy dahlia plants that produce fine blooms and fine clumps of field grown roots the first season. The cost of stocking one’s garden with superior “New Creations” of modern dahlias is reduced three tubers the usual way.”

These little tubers are about the size of olives when they come to you, and by dividing them, small as they are, it is often possible to obtain three plants, which again reduces three-fold the cost. As one of my customers said: “One of the pot roots consisted of three tubers, each as big as an olive, the one stem being about as large as a match stick. I started the tiny clump in a flower pot of good earth, and three sprouts came up. I then turned the clump out of the pot and dissected it with a sharp knife. I obtained three divisions, which I potted, and later transplanted into my garden, where they became three splendid plants, each with superb, enormous flowers, and in the autumn each plant had a clump of excellent tubers. And this was a dahlia of the latest “New Creation” sort, which would have cost me \$5.00 per single tuber, if I had bought field grown tubers the usual way.

For next spring’s planting I offer strong, vigorous “pot roots” of some of the best modern dahlias, warranted true to name. Many of these little tuber clumps can be divided and two, and in some cases, three plants obtained. Neighbors who are one in the bonds of dahlia friendship can club together and invest in some of these superb and glorious modern dahlias, the splitting of the pot roots into divisions making the ownership of wonderful dahlias possible to those who hitherto have only known the older, more common, and far smaller flowering types. Club your orders, to be sent to one address. Each root will be separately tagged, with each buyer’s name added, if you wish.

The demand is always far in excess of the supply, and January first finds stocks completely sold out. Only orders that reach me by December 20th can be sure to be filled. Remit by that date sixty per cent of the amount

of your order, and it will be reserved for you. This is an opportunity to obtain marvellous modern dahlias at so low a cost that they become possible to every home gardener. "Not how many but how good dahlias" is becoming the rule. Club with neighbors and further reduce the cost. Doing so makes the first cost ridiculously low. By selling your own field grown tubers produced by these pot roots you can not only get your money back, but make a very handsome profit besides. The pride and satisfaction of having in your garden these modern, superlative dahlias is beyond estimation, for these are the dahlias that are shown at those amazing horticultural miracles, the nationally famous Dahlia Shows of New York and San Francisco.

I can supply pot roots to a limited extent of other enormous, modern dahlias. Mention those you desire, and enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope and I will reply return mail whether I can reserve them for you or not, and at what price.

All of the following list are "Exhibition Dahlias"—that is, each one is a modern dahlia, each one produces enormous blooms, each one is expensive when obtained through field grown roots. The retail price of these dahlias last season, per field grown tuber, is given, and my price for pot roots for 1924 delivery.

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Alma Davies. (Peony) Salmon pink, with deep old rose and apricot. At the San Francisco Dahlia Show, 1922, received first prize for the best basket of Peony-type Dahlias. Stems fifteen to eighteen inches long, blooms keep a long time, and every bloom on a plant is perfect bloom. Field tubers, \$8.00—My price per pot roots, **\$2.50**

Al Malaikah. (Decorative) Salmon shading to orange yellow, suffused with old rose. It is not possible to express with words the beauty of this dahlia. Field tubers, \$3.50—My price for pot roots, **\$1.25**

Amun Ra. (Decorative) Copper-orange-amber-bronze. This truly remarkable dahlia was introduced by Mrs. Jessie Seal in 1922, and has created a furore ever since. In New York, November, 1923, \$100 was offered for a single clump of field grown roots. It grows vigorous every where, North, South, East and West. Its marvellous color tones, the splendid size of the bloom, its vigor, and its profuseness of bloom place it at the summit of dahlia creations. The outer petals are varying shades of copper and orange, that travel on to gold and amber, the centre of the superb flower remaining a rich, dark, red-bronze with a lustre to the petals almost metallic. In California they say: "So luminous is the flower that it has been described as though a light burned in its center. Field tubers when obtainable are \$10.00—My price for pot roots **\$2.50**

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Earl Williams. (Decorative) Crimson, with white tips to petals. An immense flower, one of Doolittle's originations. Blooms from early till late. Extremely desirable. Field tubers, \$5.00—My price for pot roots	\$1.00
Gorgeous. (Peony) Yellow and bright scarlet—an amazing flower, superb for exhibition and every other cut flower purpose. The plants are very tall, and adds to its satisfactory character by producing just as immense flowers at the end of the season as at the beginning. A very solid flower. Tubers, \$5.00—My price for pot roots \$1.75	
Hercules. (Decorative) Deep yellow, touched with the deep familiar color of the tangerine orange. The flower is quilled, enormous	

in size, and a very desirable exhibition dahlia. Field tubers, \$8.00
—My price for pot roots \$2.00

Insulinda. (Hybrid Cactus) Orange-buff, petals with golden sheen, deep orange in the center, reverse of petals old gold, A large, notable flower with a great deal of character. The good sized petals curl, the strong, perfectly straight stems hold the bloom face upwards like an open vase. "The best cut flower of this color." Field grown tubers, \$1.50—My price for pot roots \$1.00

Ismalia. (Hybrid Cactus) Maroon shading into red, velvety; very large, and of perfect form. A prize winner at shows. Field grown tubers, \$3.00—My price for pot roots \$1.00

J. W. Davies. (Hybrid Cactus) Center deep cerise (bright cherry), shading lighter towards petal tips. A very large flower that is extremely satisfactory because it produces good solid centers through the season, making it one of the finest of the new dahlia for prize winnings at shows. Field grown tubers \$7.50—My price for pot roots \$2.00

Kittie Dunlap. (Decorative) Just the lovely color of an American Beauty Rose. It is another of the famous Bessie Boston originations. It blooms freely throughout the season, blooms keep well, have long, strong stems, and are of immense size, and solidity. This dahlia won the first prize for the best 50 blooms, at the San Francisco Show, 1922. Tubers, \$4.00—My price for pot roots \$1.00

Mary C. Burns. (Decorative) Old gold, reverse of petals dull red, hence two-toned, and sensational. The bloom is very large. Field grown tubers, \$2.50—My price for pot roots \$.80

Mecca. (Decorative) Burnt orange. This is an exceptionally large flower, even among modern gigantic blooms. Very desirable for exhibition winning. Tubers, \$4.50—My price for pot roots \$1.50

Millionaire. (Decorative) Lavender-shading into white. One of the largest of dahlias, flowers thick and solid, on strong stems. Field grown tubers, \$1.50—My price for pot roots \$.80

Moslem. (Hybrid Cactus) Burnt orange, changing to amber. This is a wonderfully fine flower, very large, a good keeper as a cut bloom, and a prize winner at the shows. Field roots, \$3.50—My price for pot roots \$1.00

Mrs. Carl Salbach. (Decorative) Lavender pink—"The largest and most perfect variety of its color." Stems long and straight, has won innumerable prizes, and unexcelled as an exhibition dahlia. Keeps well as a cut-flower. Tubers, \$2.50—My price for pot roots \$1.00

Mrs. W. E. Estes. (Hybrid Cactus) Pure white. An enthusiastic grower, who usually speaks with authority says: "An incomparable white novelty of marvelous beauty originated by Mrs. W. E. Estes.

We believe it to be the largest and finest pure white dahlia ever grown. Excellent stem, good keeper." Field grown tubers, \$2.00
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Osam Shudow. (Decorative) Old rose, suffused with faint lilac, delicate yellow at center. A wonder-flower with large, heavy petals, one of the truly large dahlias. Tubers \$4.00—My price for pot roots.. \$1.00

Pahaska. (Decorative) Apricot-fawn, with clearly defined pink tinge. Immense size, measuring from seven to nine and a half inches in diameter without disbudding. Disbudded it should easily reach twelve inches. Petals are very long and curved, giving the flower its shaggy appearance. Color, between an apricot and fawn with a distinct pink shading. Field tubers, \$5.00—My price for pot roots \$1.50

Paul Michael. (Decorative) Golden orange, old rose on reverse of petals. A leading California grower says: "The best Decorative Dahlia up to date. The most productive, the largest, deepest flower. Won first prize in San Francisco. As an exhibition and cut-flower variety this dahlia is a leader." Field grown tubers, \$7.00—My price for pot roots \$1.50

Pearl Ruggles. (Peony) Carmine rose, suffused with pink, lighter at tips, white at petal base. One of the largest of dahlias, and one of the most exquisite colored. Stems extra long, hold the wonderful blooms erect. The long petals are twisted and curled, the yellow button at center is surrounded by beautiful little florets. Field grown tubers, \$2.50—My price for pot roots \$.80

Rookwood. (Decorative) A pure bright cerise rose without a touch of magenta, and beautiful under artificial light. The flowers are immense, and are held on stiff stems well above a low growing, spreading plant. An entirely new shade of pink and most difficult to describe, somehow resembling the Mrs. Charles Russell rose. Field grown tubers, \$7.50—My price for pot roots \$2.00

Senorita. (Decorative) Crimson, rich and velvety. Each bloom, held absolutely erect on extra strong stems, measures from 9-10 inches across; of perfect form until late in the season. A 1922 prize winner. Of great merit as an exhibition and cut-flower variety. Field grown tubers \$4.50—My price for pot roots \$1.50

Shudow's Lavender. (Decorative) Silvery lavender, shading to white. One of the most exquisite beautiful dahlias in the world. Originated by Bessie Boston, and named after one of her most loyal Japanese gardeners, who had died. The stems are perfect and hold the blooms high above the plant. The lavender becomes deeper late in the season, making the flower very attractive. Awarded first prize at the San Francisco Show in 1920, also in 1921. Field grown tubers, \$7.50—My price for pot roots \$2.00

Snowdrift. (Decorative) Pure waxy white. A noted California grower says: "This is the best decorative white we have seen. A

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**Easy and Quick Method of Se-
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SEEDS COST LITTLE.

A LETTER from one of my customers, October 15, 1923, reads:

"I grow dahlias for the cut flower trade in a small town. I do not handle many of one kind but have now 250 different colors. Last spring I bought a package of California dahlia seed, and believe me I got some of the most beautiful colors I ever saw, and large flowers, too. Most of them measured from 6 inches to 10 inches. I raised 75 plants, no two alike, and I wouldn't take \$200 for them. The blooms were Decorative, Hybrid Cactus and Cactus."

The happy experience of this man can be duplicated by every one. Seeds afford the home gardener, and the roadside flower stand, a quick, easy, sure way, at trifling expense, of growing blooms that will excite instant admiration. Dahlia seed planted in the house, February 15 to March 1, just as you raise tomato plants, and set out when weather is safe, will produce by fall profuse blooms and a sturdy, good sized clump of tubers to each plant. These tubers can be divided for planting the following spring and each tuber will produce a plant that will be absolutely true to its parent clump, unless the bloom is a variegated (striped) one. These are hard to "fix," and may vary from year to year in colors, but are just as interesting.

Another of my customers planted

200 seeds and his garden was constantly visited by amazed and wondering and delighted flower lovers and he was asked to sell quite a number of the clumps of roots. He sold many dollars worth of cut flowers from these seedling plants during the summer. The fact that they grew from seed seemed to interest buyers unusually.

Selling seedling dahlia plants opens an entirely new channel of business. Each dahlia seedling (exactly like each human being) is different from any that ever grew before, and the buyer of the entire clump of roots of the plant that comes from a seed becomes the possessor of ALL that there is of that particular variety. He can take it home and divide the clump the following spring, planting probably six tubers. These will give him 36 plants the next year, 216 plants the following year, and in the fourth summer, 1296 plants—pretty good from just one dahlia seed. What if California seed does cost three cents each, for the best kind. Every gardener should plant at least 100 seeds. Besides all the increase, there is ALWAYS the possibility of securing a New Creation in a dahlia that will make you famous.

You can name each plant, if you wish. Every one can name his seedling dahlias as freely as he names his boys and girls and just as the name of your child is registered with the town clerk, so the name of any dahlia you find amply worth while should be registered with the nearest Horticultural Society. See my Booklet No. 3 on how to grow seeds and seedlings, and what the encouragements are for expecting famous results, and how to register the name, and how to secure the greatly coveted Certificate of

Merit from the American Dahlia Society, which gives your seedling dahlia a standing throughout the entire United States as a New Creation well worth being owned by any one.

The growing of dahlias from seed and selling each clump to some one who admires its bloom, and who is desirous of possessing, exclusively, that particular variety of dahlia, has great possibilities. Plant all the seed you can. Advertise the plants by roadside signs, and by small inexpensive classified advertisements in your newspapers. People will come considerable distances to see fine seedling blooms. Each plant could be tagged with a number, and when sold the buyer's name could be added. After frost, the clumps can be dug, called for by the buyer by appointment, or sent by parcel post.

My eastern grown seed is selected from the largest and best blooms of Decorative, Cactus, Peony, Hybrid Cactus, Collarette and Giant Single dahlias, the single dahlias being wonderfully spotted and striped. The seed of all these types is carefully mixed in each packet—250 seeds for 50 cents, postpaid.

The California seed I offer is selected from the finest, largest blooms of both Decorative, Peony and Cactus types of dahlias, carefully mixed, and will produce Decorative and Cactus and Peony and sometimes beautiful single types of blooms.

Customers ordering Archer's seed should specify which type of bloom they desire seed from, as the seed is put up Decorative in one packet, Cactus in another, Pompon in another, etc. Planting pompon seed brings extremely satisfactory results in lovely pompon flowers of many colors.

I am often asked what California grown seed is the best. All that is produced by careful growers is excellent. I plant, myself, the kinds I

sell, and have fine results. Fenton's Dahlia Farm has probably the most famous reputation for seed production and I sell more Fenton seed than any other. The blooms from any of the California seed I offer will delight you; many of my customers plant seed from each of the California growers, and give repeat orders, a proof that they are well pleased with the results from the seed planted.

Order seed early. Customers 2500 miles distant, and some only 50 miles away, have ordered seed for 1924 delivery. Interest in growing dahlias from seed is so great, and increasing so much, that it is entirely probable there will be a shortage of fine California seed early in 1924. In the spring of 1923 I was unable to any further supply certain varieties of California Dahlia seed, the entire production of some growers having been sold out. Order seed early, in fact, Do It Now, and avoid probable disappointment.

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Dahlia Seeds, choice mixed varieties, Eastern grown, per packet of 250 seeds.....	\$.50
Asmus, California, 100 seeds....	3.00
50 seeds	1.50
(Pompons) 100 seeds	1.50
Archer, California, 50 seeds	2.00
Trade Packet	1.00
Smaller Pkt.50
Home garden Pkt.25
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Gorgeous. (Peony) Yellow and bright scarlet—an amazing flower, superb for exhibition and every other cut flower purpose. The plants are very tall, and adds to its satisfactory character by producing just as immense flowers at the end of the season as at the beginning. A very solid flower. Tubers, \$5.00—My price for pot roots	\$1.75
Hercules. (Decorative) Deep yellow, touched with the deep familiar color of the tangerine orange. The flower is quilled, enormous	

in size, and a very desirable exhibition dahlia. Field tubers, \$8.00
—My price for pot roots \$2.00

Insulinda. (Hybrid Cactus) Orange-buff, petals with golden sheen, deep orange in the center, reverse of petals old gold, A large, notable flower with a great deal of character. The good sized petals curl, the strong, perfectly straight stems hold the bloom face upwards like an open vase. "The best cut flower of this color." Field grown tubers, \$1.50—My price for pot roots \$1.00

Ismalia. (Hybrid Cactus) Maroon shading into red, velvety; very large, and of perfect form. A prize winner at shows. Field grown tubers, \$3.00—My price for pot roots \$1.00

J. W. Davies. (Hybrid Cactus) Center deep cerise (bright cherry), shading lighter towards petal tips. A very large flower that is extremely satisfactory because it produces good solid centers through the season, making it one of the finest of the new dahlia for prize winnings at shows. Field grown tubers \$7.50—My price for pot roots \$2.00

Kittie Dunlap. (Decorative) Just the lovely color of an American Beauty Rose. It is another of the famous Bessie Boston originations. It blooms freely throughout the season, blooms keep well, have long, strong stems, and are of immense size, and solidity. This dahlia won the first prize for the best 50 blooms, at the San Francisco Show, 1922. Tubers, \$4.00—My price for pot roots \$1.00

Mary C. Burns. (Decorative) Old gold, reverse of petals dull red, hence two-toned, and sensational. The bloom is very large. Field grown tubers, \$2.50—My price for pot roots \$.80

Mecca. (Decorative) Burnt orange. This is an exceptionally large flower, even among modern gigantic blooms. Very desirable for exhibition winning. Tubers, \$4.50—My price for pot roots \$1.50

Millionaire. (Decorative) Lavender-shading into white. One of the largest of dahlias, flowers thick and solid, on strong stems. Field grown tubers, \$1.50—My price for pot roots \$.80

Moslem. (Hybrid Cactus) Burnt orange, changing to amber. This is a wonderfully fine flower, very large, a good keeper as a cut bloom, and a prize winner at the shows. Field roots, \$3.50—My price for pot roots \$1.00

Mrs. Carl Salbach. (Decorative) Lavender pink—"The largest and most perfect variety of its color." Stems long and straight, has won innumerable prizes, and unexcelled as an exhibition dahlia. Keeps well as a cut-flower. Tubers, \$2.50—My price for pot roots \$1.00

Mrs. W. E. Estes. (Hybrid Cactus) Pure white. An enthusiastic grower, who usually speaks with authority says: "An incomparable white novelty of marvelous beauty originated by Mrs. W. E. Estes,